

Claims

- [c1] A receiver lock comprising:
 - a locking head selectively coupled to a first end of a shaft;
 - a stop member located at a second opposite end of the shaft; and
 - a protective covering located on the locking head and including a hole for receiving the first end of the shaft.
- [c2] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said protective covering is elastomeric.
- [c3] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said stop member is an end cap.
- [c4] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said stop member is a bent end of the shaft.
- [c5] The receiver lock of claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism located within said locking head.
- [c6] The receiver lock of claim 1, further comprising a protective cap selectively attachable to an end of the locking head opposite the protective covering.

- [c7] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said protective covering snaps onto the locking head.
- [c8] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said protective covering includes a portion that is flush with a cylindrical outer peripheral surface of the locking head.
- [c9] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said first end of the shaft forms an interference fit with said hole in said protective covering.
- [c10] A receiver lock comprising:
a locking head selectively coupled to a first end of a shaft;
a protective covering located on the locking head and including a hole for receiving the first end of the shaft; and
a means for preventing further insertion of said shaft into a receiving hole.
- [c11] The receiver lock of claim 10, wherein said protective covering is elastomeric.
- [c12] The receiver lock of claim 1, wherein said means for preventing further insertion of said shaft is an end cap.
- [c13] The receiver lock of claim 10, wherein said means for preventing further insertion of said shaft is a bent end of the shaft.

[c14] The receiver lock of claim 10, further comprising a protective cap selectively attachable to an end of the locking head opposite the protective covering.

[c15] The receiver lock of claim 10, wherein said protective covering snaps onto the locking head.

[c16] The receiver lock of claim 10, wherein said protective covering includes a portion that is flush with a cylindrical outer peripheral surface of the locking head.

[c17] A receiver lock comprising:
a locking head selectively coupled to a first end of a shaft;
a stop member located at a second opposite end of the shaft; and
a protective covering located on an outer edge of the locking head and including a hole for receiving the first end of the shaft, wherein said protective covering includes a portion that is flush with a cylindrical outer peripheral surface of the locking head and wherein said first end of the shaft forms an interference fit with said hole in said protective covering.

[c18] A receiver lock comprising:
a locking head selectively coupled to a first end of a shaft;

a stop member located at a second opposite end of the shaft; and

a protective covering located on an outer edge of the locking head and including a hole for receiving the first end of the shaft.